



Ray M. Chapman

November 8, 1927 - February 2, 2018

WALKERTON-Ray M. Chapman, 90, passed away Friday, February 2, 2018 at Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton, IN.

Ray was born November 8, 1927 in Lacrosse, IN to Kenneth C. and Hazel A. (Lee) Chapman and lived in the Walkerton area since 1934.

On April 2, 1949 in LaPorte, IN, he was married to Marian L. (Parsons) Chapman, who preceded him in death in 2014. He was also preceded in death by his parents and brother, Lee Chapman.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy (Roy) Johnson of Bluffton, IN, Sharon (Mark) Fenstermacher of Bloomington, IL and Linda (Dennis) Holland of Walkerton; exchange student daughter, Ingrid (Peter) Hanisch of Germany; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ray was a graduate of Walkerton High School and attended the South Bend College of Commerce. He was the co-owner of Dave & Ray's Supermarkets at Walkerton, Koontz Lake and Plymouth. He was an Army Air Force veteran, serving in Japan from 1946-1947 and a member of the Walkerton American Legion Post #189.

Ray was a member of the Walkerton United Methodist Church and a Lay Leader of the South Bend district of the Methodist Church. He was a 50 year member of the Walkerton Lodge #619 F&AM and past president of the Walkerton Chamber of Commerce and the Walkerton Lions Club. He was previously a member of the Walkerton Industrial Committee, the John Glenn Building Corporation, the Ancilla College Board of Trustees and was active in forming the Koontz Lake Enhancement Committee.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. EST at the Walkerton United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton. Friends may visit Monday at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST and Tuesday at the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Walkerton United Methodist Church or the John Glenn Education Foundation.

Comments



“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Linda Kurut - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He and his late wife lived next door to my parents, Pearl and Lee Frailey, on Washington Street across from the youth building for many years. Ray was a wonderful person and will be missed.

Ruth Baker - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Deepest Condolences. Ray was always a Special man.

Herbert Gaddis - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Ray was a great man and a father figure to all of us who grew up with Linda and Dennis. He taught us many lessons about life and business through the years. His memory will live on in the lives of the people he touched. He will be missed! Thank you Ray for lessons and the memories.

Jerry Houston - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ May all your happy memories soon outweigh your sense of loss.

Jerry and Lynn Hellinga - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of your father. He had such a positive impact on so many people in our community.

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“ Nancy, Sharon, and Linda and families, we are so very sorry for your loss. Ray and Marian were wonderful friends of ours. Our prayers are with you all.

Bryce and Carol Rohrer - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Dearest Linda, I'm so terribly sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I have some very fond memories and I know that yours are full and richer. My deepest condolences to your entire family, I only wish there were some words that could ease the pain, but sadly, they've yet to be spoken. All my love, Sheileen

Sheileen Godwin - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ I am so very sorry. My prayers go to all members of the Chapman family and their beloved. I remember Ray in his tri-hull boat cruising at early evening, enjoying the sunset and calm waters. Ray and Marion were wonderful neighbors. Rest In Peace Mr. Chapman...

Mary Ann Summers - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Ray was always so gracious. He definitely had the gift of hospitality. It seems like he was always feeding us or providing us with a bottle of pop to drink. His store, doing fireworks on his front lawn in Walkerton, visiting Marian and him and family at their lake place--all very wonderful memories. He loved people! Sharon, Nancy and Linda and family, know that you're in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate your dad/granddad's life. He will be missed! -- Love Edwin & Marlene

Ed Fenstermacher - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ What a good man, prayers to the family

Bonnie Quinto - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Thank YOU for all you're help when I was deleiving to your store.

shirlene peterson - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Linda, Helen and I send our most sincere condolences to you and the rest of the family. Always enjoyed conversing with Ray when we would see him in the mornings at McDonalds, Walkerton. May he rest in peace. Go Cubies.

Bill & Helen Doan - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES ON YOUR LOSS OF RAY. I FIRST MET RAY IN 1982 WHEN HE DECIDED TO CHANGE TO SUPER VALU, FT. WAYNE, IN. AS HIS STORE SUPPLIER. WE WORKED TOGETHER VERY WELL AS HE WAS JUST ONE GREAT CUSTOMER AND ONE GREAT FRIEND!
SINCERELY, HAROLD MARKEY

HAROLD MARKEY - June 18, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ I loved Ray! He was always kind to me and kind to my Mother, brothers and Sister. My thoughts and heart go out to the Chapman Family.

Clyde Gaw - April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ Offering my condolences to the family. May the wonderful memories continue to provide a measure of comfort until God's promises are fulfilled. Isaiah26:19

April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ We wish to extend our condolences to Ray's family in their time of loss. It was our privilege to learn about the history of and get to know the Chapman family when we portrayed Ray's parents at the Walkerton Historical Society Cemetery Walk. He will be missed.

Stephen & Sherry Neff - April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was such a nice man. Thoughts and prayers to the family. (former Dave & Ray employee, Plymouth)

Betty Wilcockson - April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ Dear Chapman Family, Glenn and I were saddened to learn of Ray's passing. Our thoughts are with all of you at this time. We have so many great memories of Ray and Marian...skiing; church activities especially church at the lake; his love of the Cubs; and the pride he had in all of you. Sending hugs and prayers from Florida as you celebrate Ray's life tomorrow. Glenn and Lori

Lori Jacob - April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ My husband, Bill, and I were sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I know he will be missed greatly by his family and by Ingrid. Please accept our most sincere condolences. Both Ray and Marion were very special people. May God touch the entire family with his gentle touch and grant you all peace! Collette (Weller) and Bill Braden

April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ I visited their home often in 1966 and 1967. I remember Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and their family with a fondness and respect that will endure.

Ken Murphy - April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ We were very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. We only had the chance to meet Ray on a few occasions but it was clear he was a real gentleman and a great friend and companion to Betty. Will keep you in our thoughts and prayers

Ann Barbieri - April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ Our heart-felt sympathy goes to Linda, Sharon, Nancy and all of their children; we know all year long blessings and prayers will come through this site for Ray Chapman as he was a true and faithful servant of the Lord. We know who comes from Heaven must return someday to Heaven; we thank the Lord God Almighty for loaning Ray Chapman to this Earth for all to see an example of God's kindness and love. My sister Georgie & I never felt like visitors to the Chapman's home while in family exchange; we truly felt like family. As little kids, we looked forward to our time at the Chapmans because they always showered us with family dinners, fun playing with Linda and all the kids, and so much joy. Ray joins Marian and now two more Angels sit at the right hand of God.

Angela Windhauser - April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ Ray was a long time member of Fitness Forum. We chatted occasionally and he was always talking about and thankful for his caring family. When Marian died we shared in his loss. He picked up his life and found a lady friend. My last conversation with Ray was last summer as I was exercising along Redwood Rd and he was driving on Redwood to spend an afternoon with his "friend". He spotted me and stopped to chat....always excited about life. That says it all about Ray. A pleasant man, everyone's friend. We miss him.

Mary Holm - April 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM